special legislations and to introduce special tourist police force for safety and security of tourists in their respective States as this will also go a long way towards promotion of India as a safe tourist destination. States of Jammu and Kashmir, Goa, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, etc. have already set up "tourist police". Some other State Governments are considering introduction of such legislation. Strict action would be taken against those found guilty.

Sale of Artefacts of National Museum

† 2397. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some artefacts of National Museum have been identified for sale;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, whether such a proposal was put forth recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Use of Hindi Sahitya Academy and Rashtriya Natya Vidyalala

†2398. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether letters from 'Sahitya Academy' and 'Rashtriya Natya Vidyalaya' are being sent in Hindi to 'A' and 'B' areas as per official language Rules, 1976;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, the details of the number of letters sent in English and Hindi, Separately, during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) :(a) and (b) Sir, Sahitya Akademi and Rashtriya Natya Vidyalaya are implementing the provisions of the Official Language Rules, 1976. However, hundred per cent correspondence in Hindi with 'A' and 'B' areas has not been achieved.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Hindi –21,012

English –31,504

Rock Garden in Karnataka

2399. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) The number of Rock Gardens for collecting marvelous rocks in the country for tourist attraction;

(b) whether Government have laid down certain guidelines for setting up such gardens in the country and financial assistance provided by Government therefor;

(c) whether Government of Karnataka has sought financial assistance for setting up a Rock Garden in the State as the rocks are available in the State abundantly; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) Based on the information available with the Department of Tourism there is a Rock Garden which is on the Northern fringe Chandigarh city and adjacent to the Sukhna Lake, called Chandigarh's Rock Garden, an internationally famous creation.

(b) Development and promotion of tourist Centres/places including Rock Gardens is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations concerned. The Central Department of Tourism provides funds on the basis of projects prioritised in consultation with them every year. There is no separate guidelines to provide funds for Rock Gardens only.

(c) Such proposal for setting up a Rock Garden, where rocks are collected and displayed has not been submitted by the State Government of Karnataka.

(d) Does not arise.

Development of tourism spots in Andhra Pradesh

2400. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has sought the assistance of the Centre to play the role of a facilitator and supporter in promoting tourism in